

step 655, the method queries as to whether or not the system operator wishes to continue with the setup process. If the response is "YES," then the method advances along path C17 to step 663 as shown in FIG. 5P.

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At step 683, if the response to the query is "YES," then the method advances to step 685 where the system user selects "CANCEL" and [any entries made in defining the mailing are not] erases only the data entered from the last point of saving while the rest of the entered data will be retained within the system memory. The method then returns the system user to the Main Menu at step 687. However, if the response to the query at step 683 is "NO," then the system user selects "BACK" at step 689 which returns the system user, at step 691, to the previous screen.

In the claims:

1. (Amended) A method of defining and producing a finished mail piece, comprising the steps of:

(a) selecting at a first node, a plurality of characteristics which together define a mailing;

(b) creating a document and storing said document in electronic form[;], then directing that said stored document be included in a print job comprising said mailing;

- (c) creating an address list comprising one or more destination addresses and storing said address list in electronic form and then selecting said stored address list for inclusion in said print job;
- (d) transmitting said print job to a terminal node wherein said terminal node is not co-located with, nor under the control of, said first node;
- (e) receiving said print job at said terminal node[;], said terminal node for receiving said print job and for directing said print job to a mail production means for producing said mail piece[;], said mail production means further comprising:
  - (i) a first printer; and
  - (ii) a second printer;
- (f) printing on said first printer said destination address to an envelope wherein each of said destination addresses is printed to a corresponding envelope;
- (g) printing on said second printer said document, wherein said document is printed in accordance with characteristics selected at said first node;
- (h) inserting said printed document into said printed envelope to form an unfinished mail piece;

(i) sealing said unfinished mail piece;

(j) franking said unfinished mail piece, in accordance with characteristics selected at said first node and with characteristics determined at said second node, in order to form a finished mail piece; and

(k) placing said finished mail piece into a mail stream for delivery to said destination address printed thereon.

3. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said each of said destination addresses comprising said stored address list is compared to a predetermined database of correct addresses wherein each address is matched with a corresponding zip code[;], and, if said each of said destination addresses does not match said correct address then said non-matching address is corrected to match said correct address.

18. (Amended) The system of claim 15, wherein said system further comprises a plurality of nodes wherein one node is an initiating node and a second node is a terminal node[;], and, if there are more than two nodes in said system, then said first and said second printer means are located at said terminal node.

38. (Amended) A system for producing a mail piece, comprising:

first data processing means for selecting a document, selecting an address list including one or more destination addresses, and selecting a plurality of characteristics which define a mailing;

second data processing means for receiving said selected document, address list and characteristics and directing said selected document, address list and characteristics to a mail production means, wherein said second data processing means is not co-located with, nor under the control of, said first data processing means;

said mail production means comprising first means for printing said selected document in accordance with one or more of said selected characteristics, second means for printing each of said destination addresses to a corresponding envelope, and means for inserting said printed document into a corresponding printed envelope.

43. (Amended) A system according to claim 38, wherein said document and said address list are stored in electronic form.

Please add the following claims:

48. The method claimed in claim 1, wherein in step (h), the destination address information on said document matches said destination address on said envelope if said document contains specific address information.

49. The system claimed in claim 15, wherein said destination address information on said document matches the destination address on said envelope if the document contains specific address information.

50. The method claimed in claim 20, wherein said destination address information on said document matches said destination address on said envelope if said document contains specific address information.

51. The method according to claim 22, wherein said evidence of postage is a permit mail postal indicia.